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FIRE IN IT DEPARTMENT BUILDING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to fire in a building that houses IT department at Delhi, a large number of records of tax defaulters were destroyed recently;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has asked CFSL to collect samples from the spot and establish the exact causes of fire;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any responsibility has been fixed for such fire; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM}

(a)&(b): A fire broke out in Income Tax Office in Mayur Bhawan at New Delhi on 06-10-2007, in which some income tax records, administrative records, office furniture and equipments have been destroyed. The fire was put out by the Delhi Fire Service.

(c) &(d): FIR has been lodged with Delhi Police on 06-10-2007. Enquires are being conducted by the Delhi Police. The Union Government has as such not requisitioned the services of CFSL for the enquiry.

(e)&(f): The outcome of the investigation by the Delhi Police with regard to cause of fire is awaited. Action, as appropriate, will be taken thereafter. The Delhi Fire Service, CPWD and NDMC have been requested to take all safety measures to prevent such occurrences in the future.